

Key feature of the presented switching method: in normal operating conditions each TF is switched immediately. In particular conditions, e.g., protection, (some) TFs are delayed.

The frequency of the selected time reference is recovered and this is enough to work properly without slips. The phase can be recovered if the link length is known.

5 From the foregoing, it will be observed that numerous variations and modifications may be effected without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. It is to be understood that no limitation with respect to the specific apparatus illustrated herein is intended or should be inferred. It is, of course, intended to cover by the appended claims all such modifications as fall within the scope of the claims.